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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: EGON HAAR ET AL EXAMINER: CHI Q NGUYEN

SERIAL NO.: 10/031,558 GROUP: 3635

FILED: MAY 28, 2002

FOR: DEVICE FOR COMPENSATING RELATIVE VERTICAL
DISPLACEMENTS BETWEEN GROUND SURFACES AND SEALING
MECHANISMS WITH A FRAME, FOR BUILT-IN STRICTURES,
AND AUXILIARY DEVICE FOR THE SAME

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(1)

MAIL STOP RCE
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

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Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003 for one month from February 21, 2004 to March 21, 2004. A check in the amount of \$55.00, covering the fee for a one-month extension for a Small Entity is enclosed herewith. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted,
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